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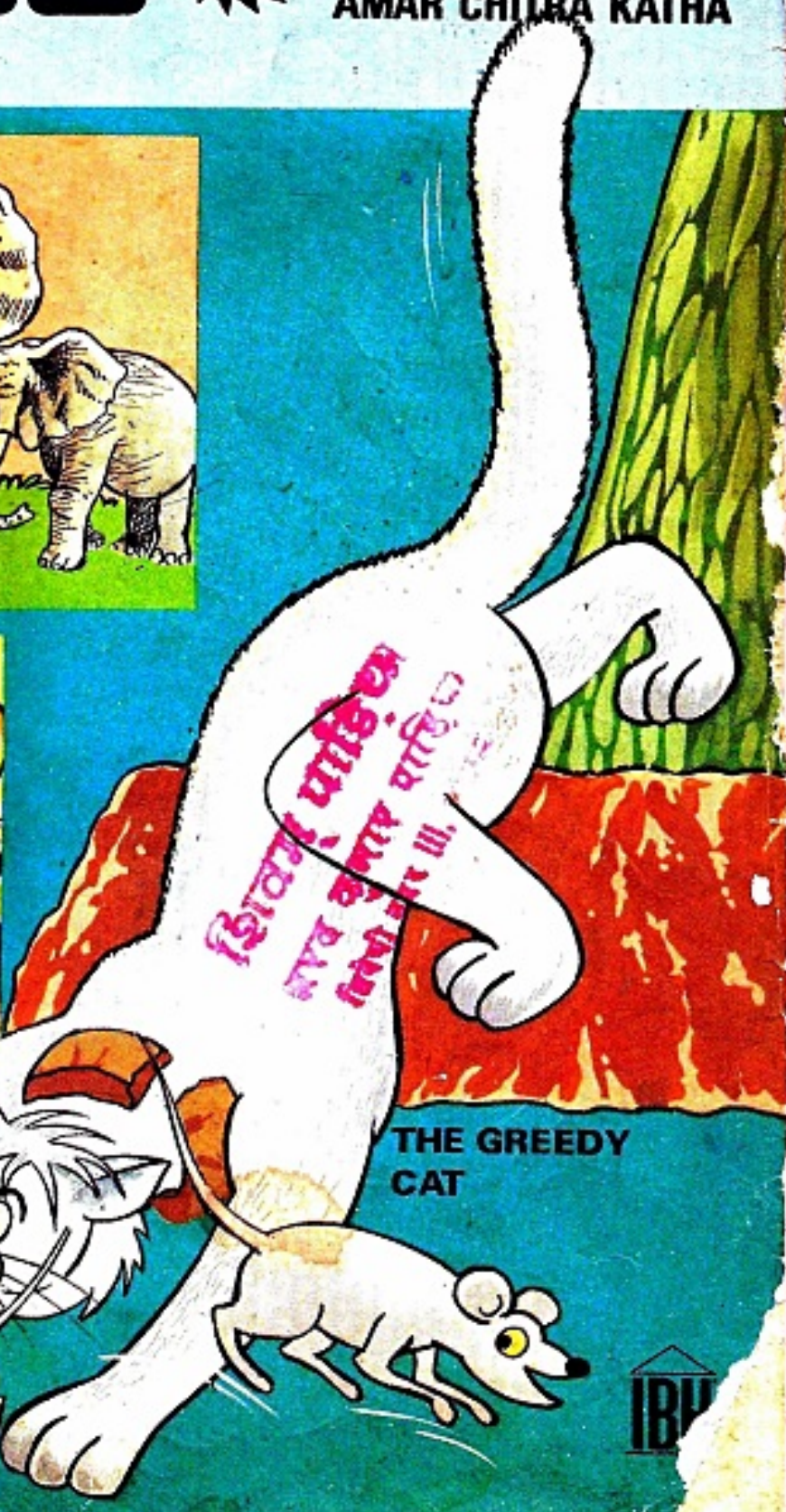
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THE CLEVER THIEF

An Indian Folktale

Script: Luis Fernandes
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THE ARCHITECT WHO HAD BUILT THE KING'S TREASURE HOUSE LAY ON HIS DEATHBED.

MY SONS, I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.

COME CLOSER.

THE TREASURE-HOUSE I BUILT FOR THE KING IS IMPENETRABLE... OR THAT IS WHAT EVERYONE THINKS...

BUT THERE IS ONE LOOSE BRICK IN IT BY REMOVING WHICH ONE CAN GAIN ENTRY.

WHICH IS THE BRICK, FATHER?

I'LL TELL YOU, BEND DOWN... NO ONE ELSE MUST HEAR.

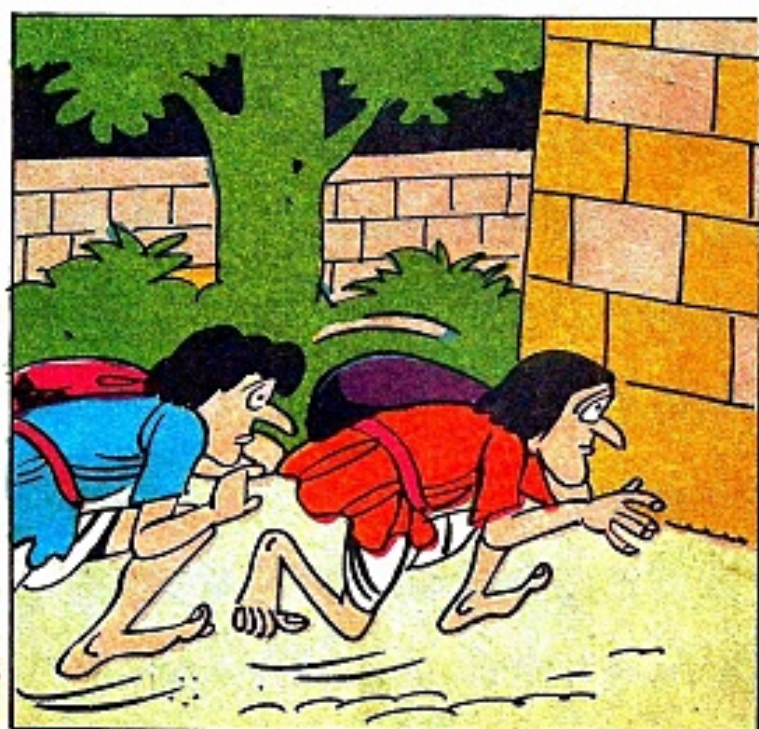
AND THE FATHER TOLD THEM THE SECRET.

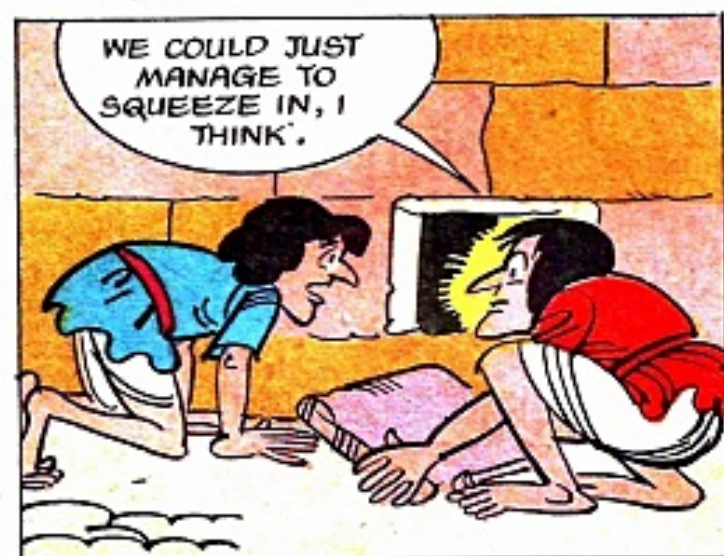
SOME TIME AFTER THEIR FATHER HAD DIED, THE BROTHERS DECIDED TO MAKE USE OF THE SECRET HE HAD TOLD THEM.

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THE YOUTHS FILLED THE SACKS THEY HAD BROUGHT WITH TREASURE—



BUT AS THEY PREPARED TO LEAVE—



I STEPPED ON A POISON ARROW. I'M DONE FOR...



I'LL TAKE YOU TO A GOOD PHYSICIAN. YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

NO.



I'M DYING. LEAVE ME HERE AND SAVE YOURSELF.



BUT CUT OFF MY HEAD AND TAKE IT WITH YOU, SO THAT I WON'T BE IDENTIFIED.



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!

DO AS I TELL YOU! QUICK! YOU MUST LIVE FOR THE SAKE OF OUR AGED MOTHER.



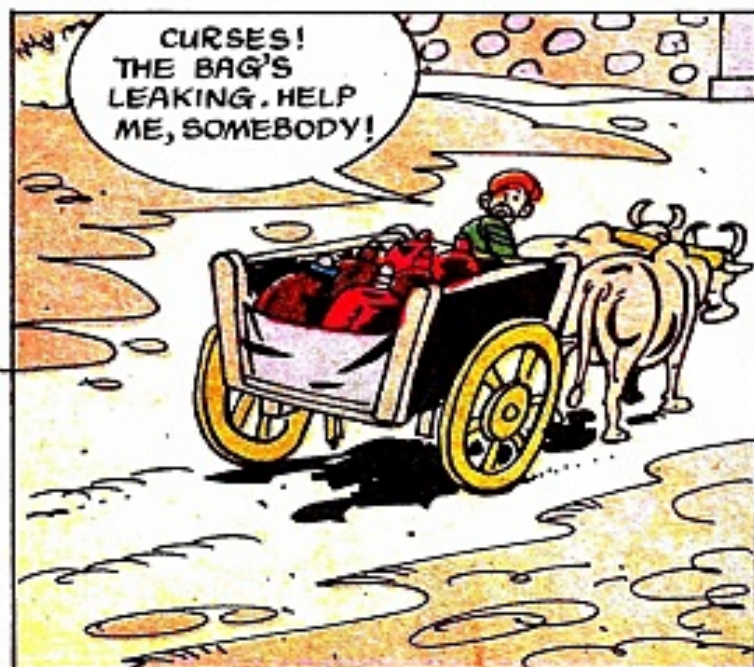
IN THE END THE YOUNG MAN DID AS HIS BROTHER HAD SUGGESTED AND WENT AWAY WITH A HEAVY HEART. THE NEXT DAY WHEN THE THEFT AND THE BODY OF THE THIEF WAS DISCOVERED -

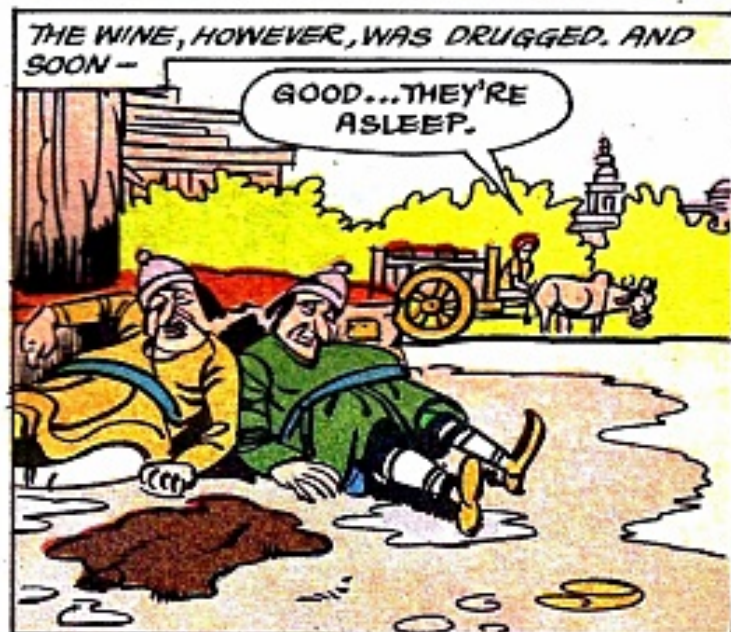
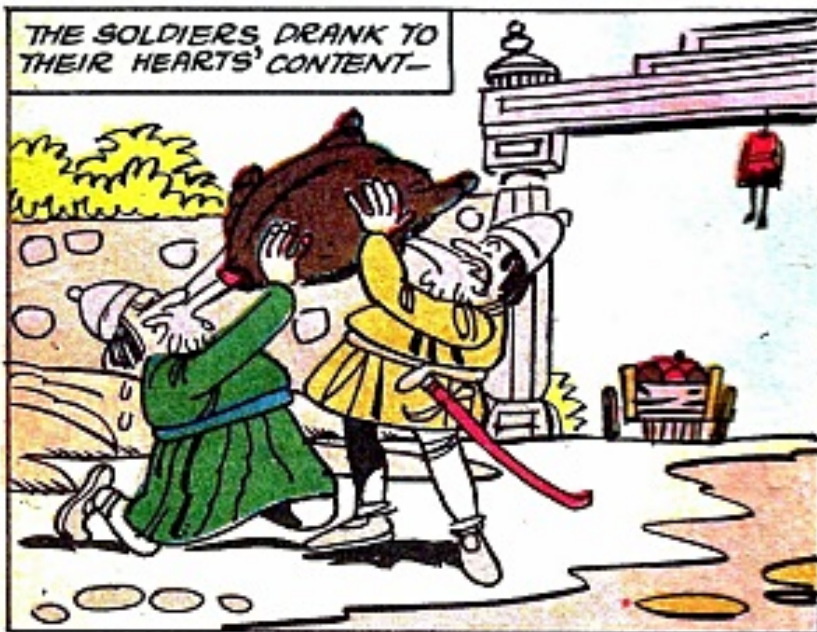
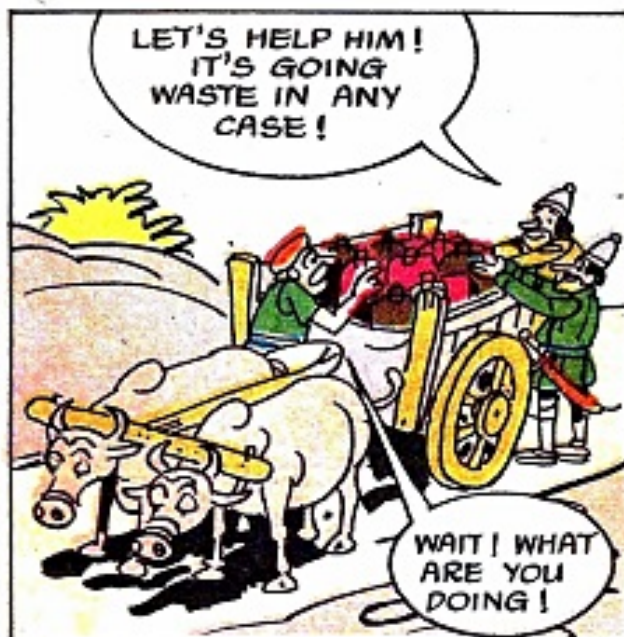


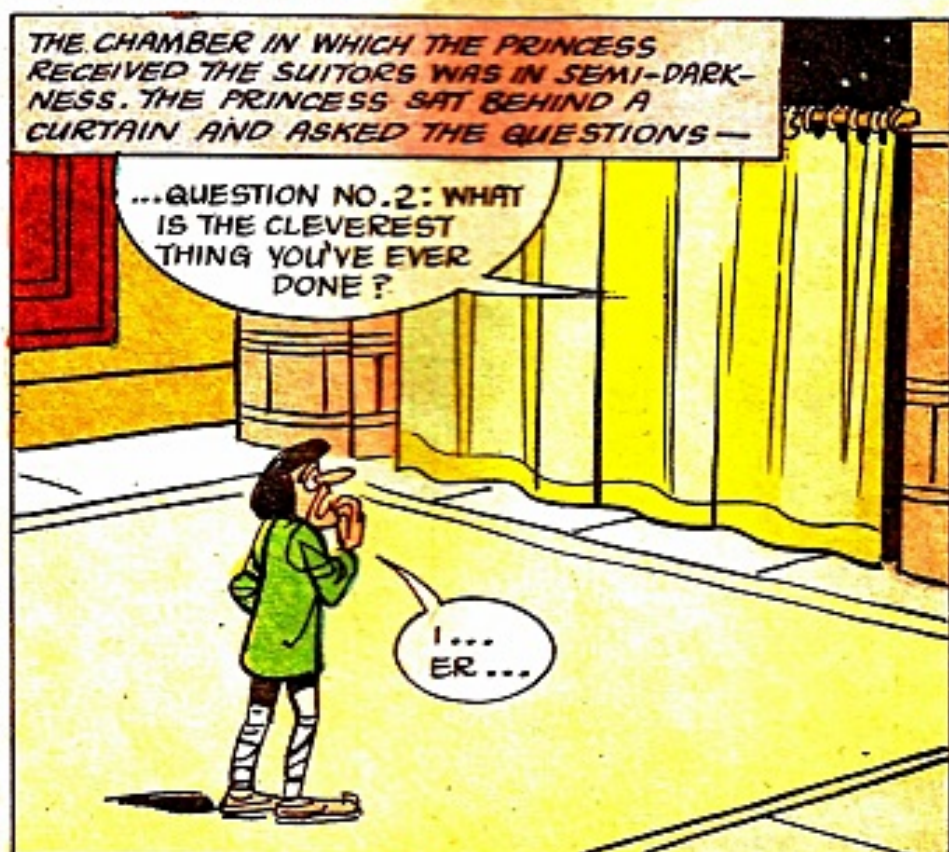
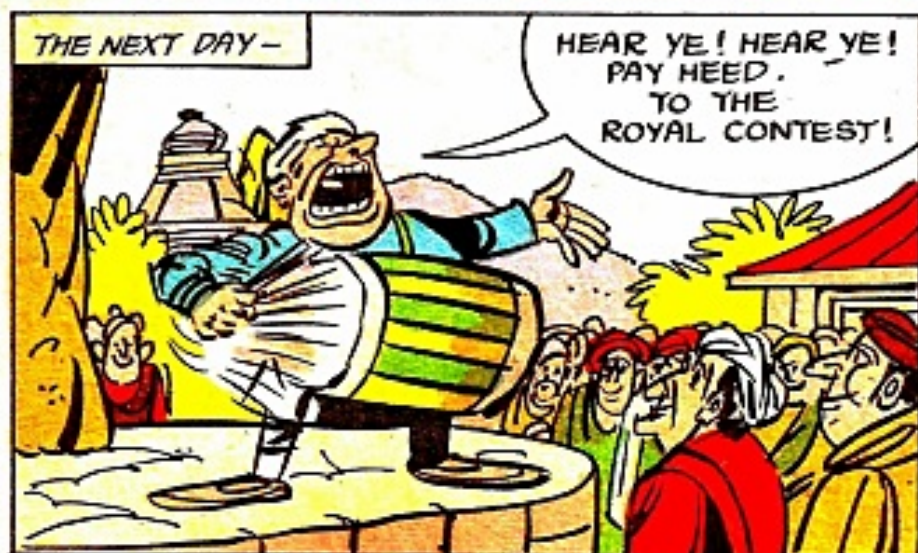
THE BODY OF THE DEAD THIEF WAS HUNG AT THE GATE OF THE CITY.



... KNOWING THAT HE WOULD CERTAINLY BE CAUGHT... WHAT'S THAT? SOMETHING'S COMING THIS WAY!







I LEARN'T TO
... TO RIDE
A HORSE.

YOU
MAY
GO.

THE INTERVIEWS LASTED SEVERAL
DAYS. THEN ONE EVENING -

WHAT
IS THE CLEVEREST
THING YOU'VE
DONE?

I'VE DONE
MANY CLEVER
THINGS...

BUT THE CLEVEREST IS
THE WAY I OUTWITTED
YOUR FATHER'S MEN
AT THE CITY
GATES...

GIVE
ME YOUR
HAND.

THE KING WHO WAS HIDING BEHIND ANOTHER
CURTAIN WITH HIS MEN SUDDENLY HEARD HIS
DAUGHTER SHOUT -

FATHER, I'VE
GOT HIM!

COME
ON!

IT WAS THE THIEF,
FATHER! I HELD
HIS HAND TIGHTLY
BUT HE LEFT IT
BEHIND AND
DASHED AWAY.

LEFT HIS
HAND
BEHIND?

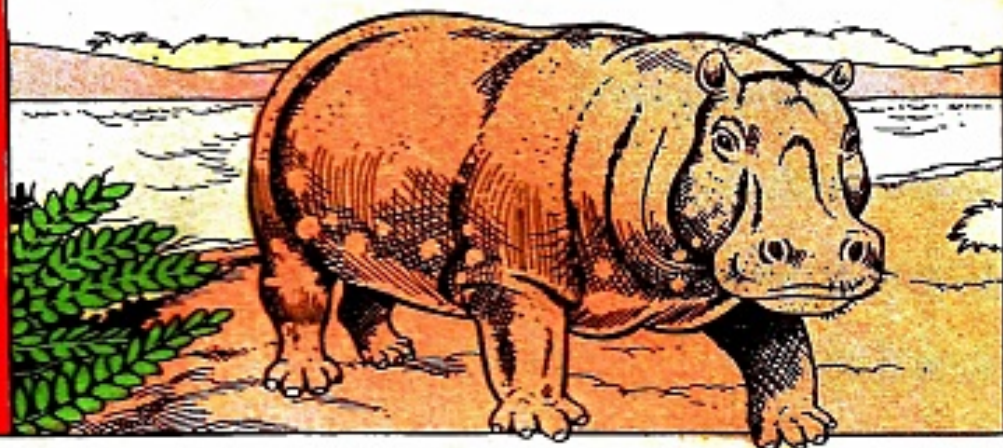
LET ME
SEE
IT.



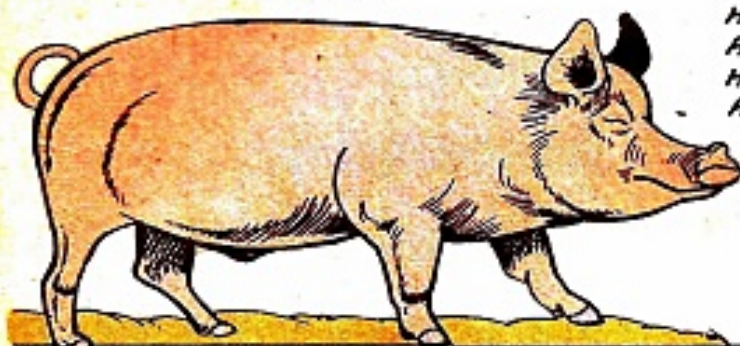
STRANGE RELATIVES

Script:
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Chitrangad

THE HIPPOPOTAMUS IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST ANIMALS.
IT IS NOT FOUND IN INDIA...



Domestic pig

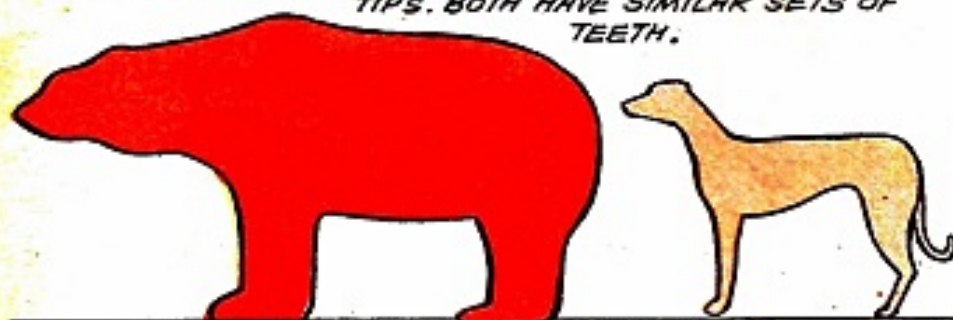


... BUT HERE WE CAN
SEE ITS DISTANT
RELATIVE, THE PIG.
HIPPOS AND PIGS
ARE BELIEVED TO
HAVE HAD A COMMON
ANCESTOR NOT SO
VERY LONG AGO.

wild pig



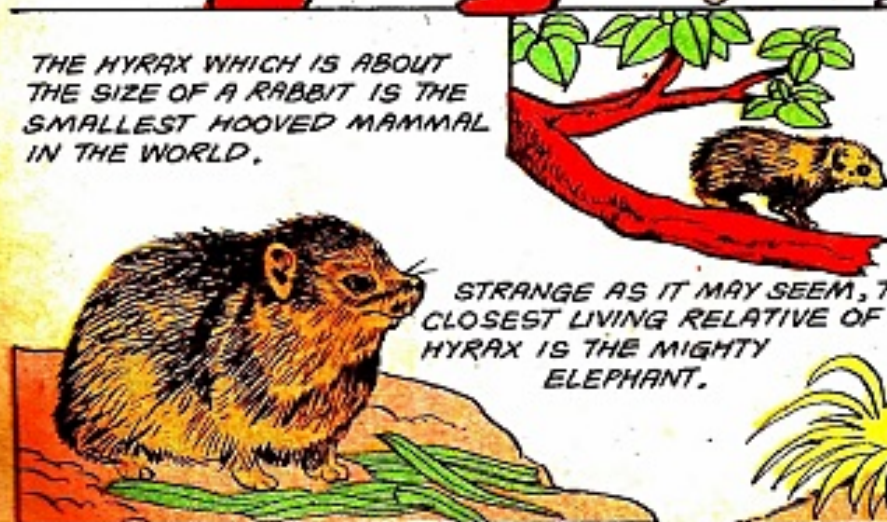
DOGS AND BEARS ARE COUSINS. YOU CAN SEE THE RESEMBLANCE
IN THEIR FACES. THEY BOTH HAVE LONG NOSES WITH COLD WET
TIPS. BOTH HAVE SIMILAR SETS OF
TEETH.



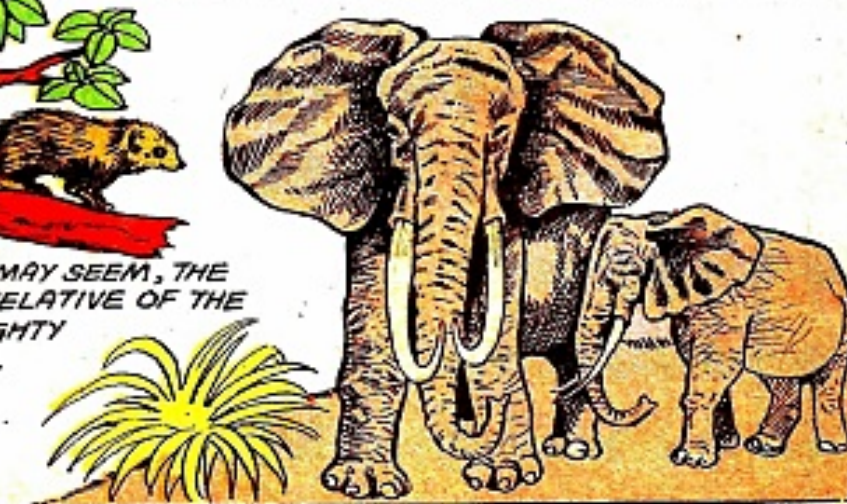
Dog's skull showing
fang-like canine
teeth near the
front of the mouth.



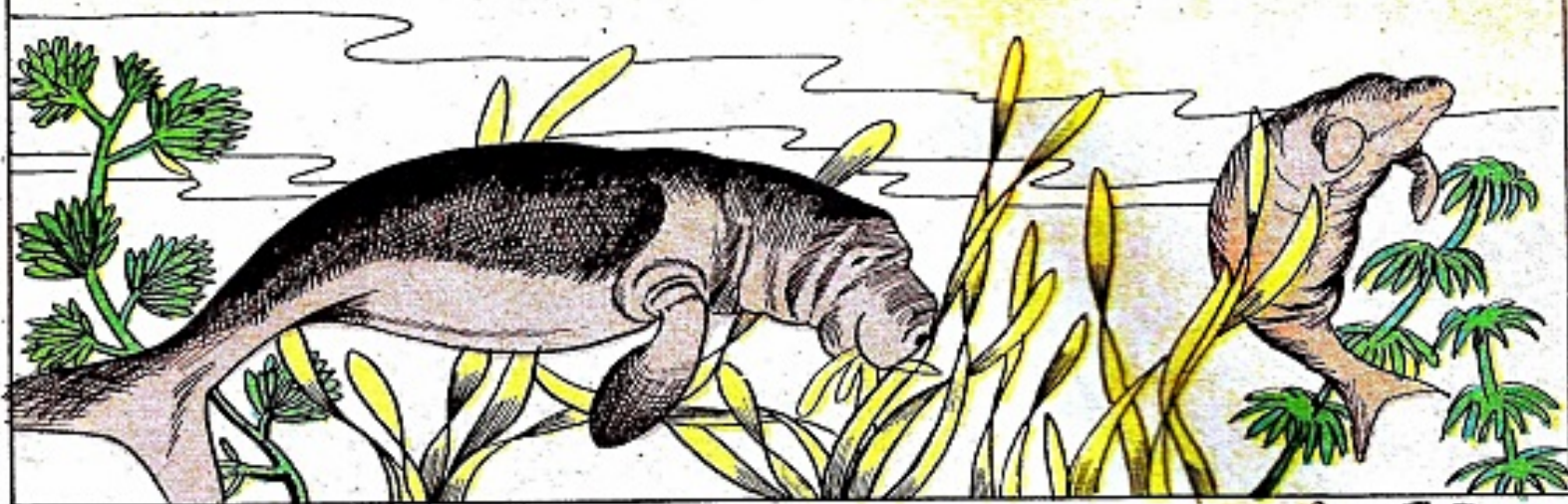
THE HYRAX WHICH IS ABOUT
THE SIZE OF A RABBIT IS THE
SMALLEST HOOFED MAMMAL
IN THE WORLD.



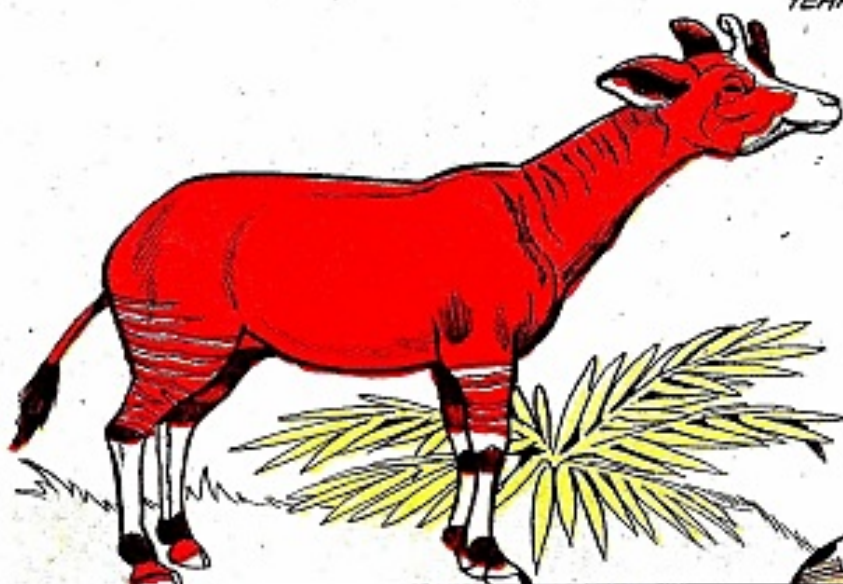
STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM, THE
CLOSEST LIVING RELATIVE OF THE
HYRAX IS THE MIGHTY
ELEPHANT.



ANOTHER RELATIVE OF THE ELEPHANT THAT HARDLY RESEMBLES IT IS THE SEA-COW. THE SEA-COW IS AN AQUATIC MAMMAL AND DIES VERY QUICKLY IF STRANDED ON LAND. BUT LIKE THE ELEPHANT IT IS A VEGETARIAN, LIVING ON SEAWEEDS AND SEA-PLANTS.



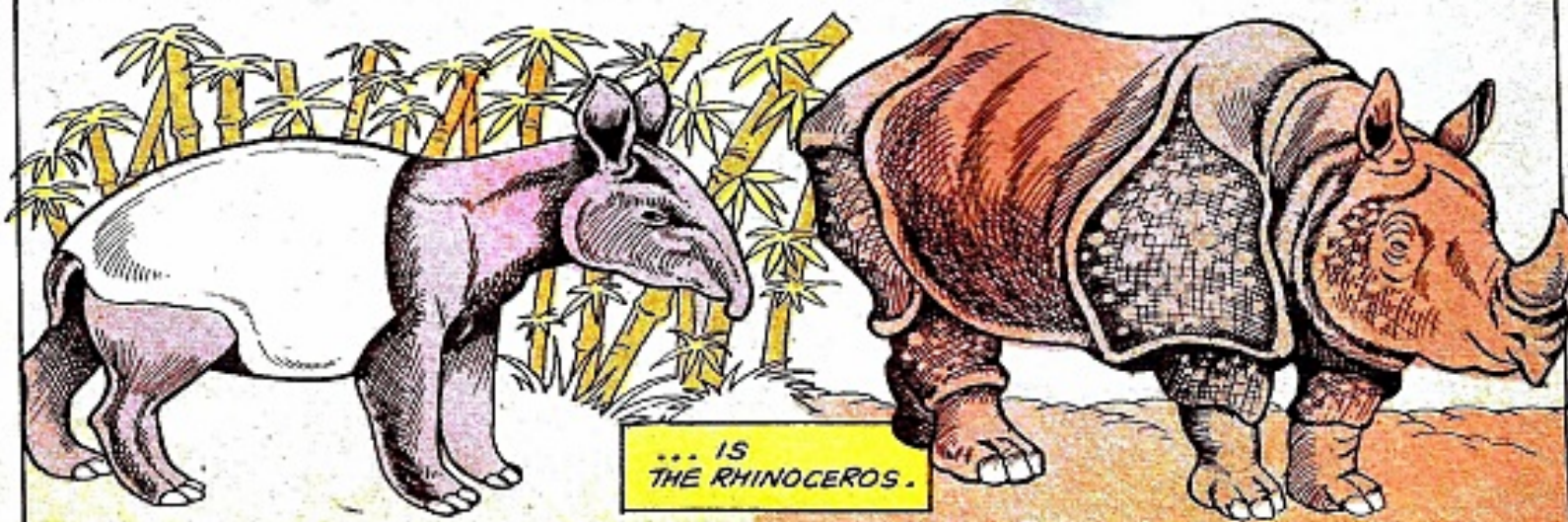
THE OKAPI IS A SHY ANIMAL THAT LIVES IN THE DENSE FORESTS OF CENTRAL AFRICA. THE REST OF THE WORLD CAME TO KNOW ABOUT IT ONLY ABOUT EIGHTY YEARS AGO...



... ITS RELATIVE, THE GIRAFFE, HAS BEEN A CELEBRITY FOR CENTURIES.



THE TAPIR IS FOUND IN SOUTH AMERICA AND MALAYSIA. IT LOOKS LIKE A MINIATURE ELEPHANT WITH ITS TRUNK SAWN OFF. BUT DESPITE ITS APPEARANCE, ITS CLOSEST RELATIVE...



... IS THE RHINOCEROS.



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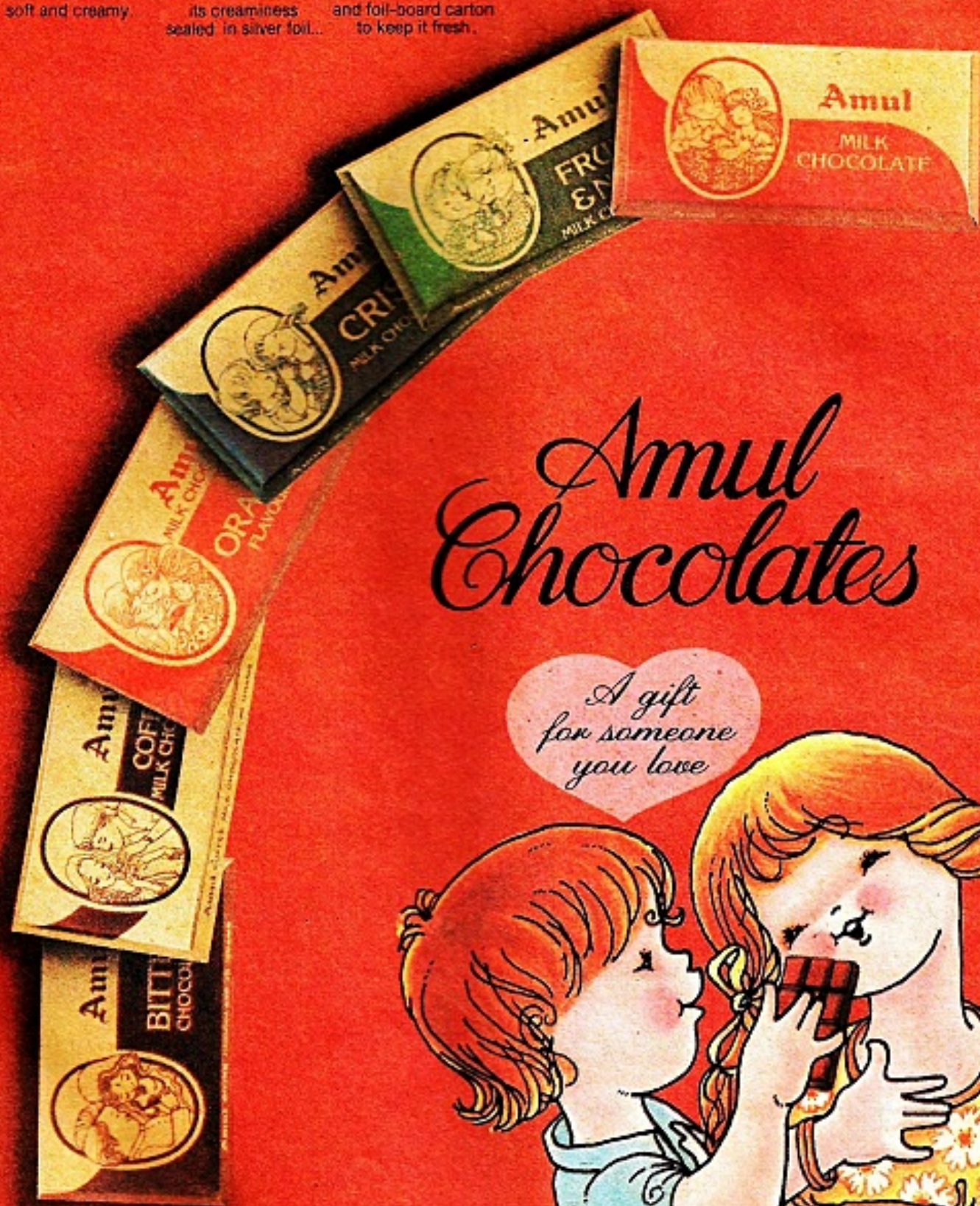


its creaminess
sealed in silver foil...



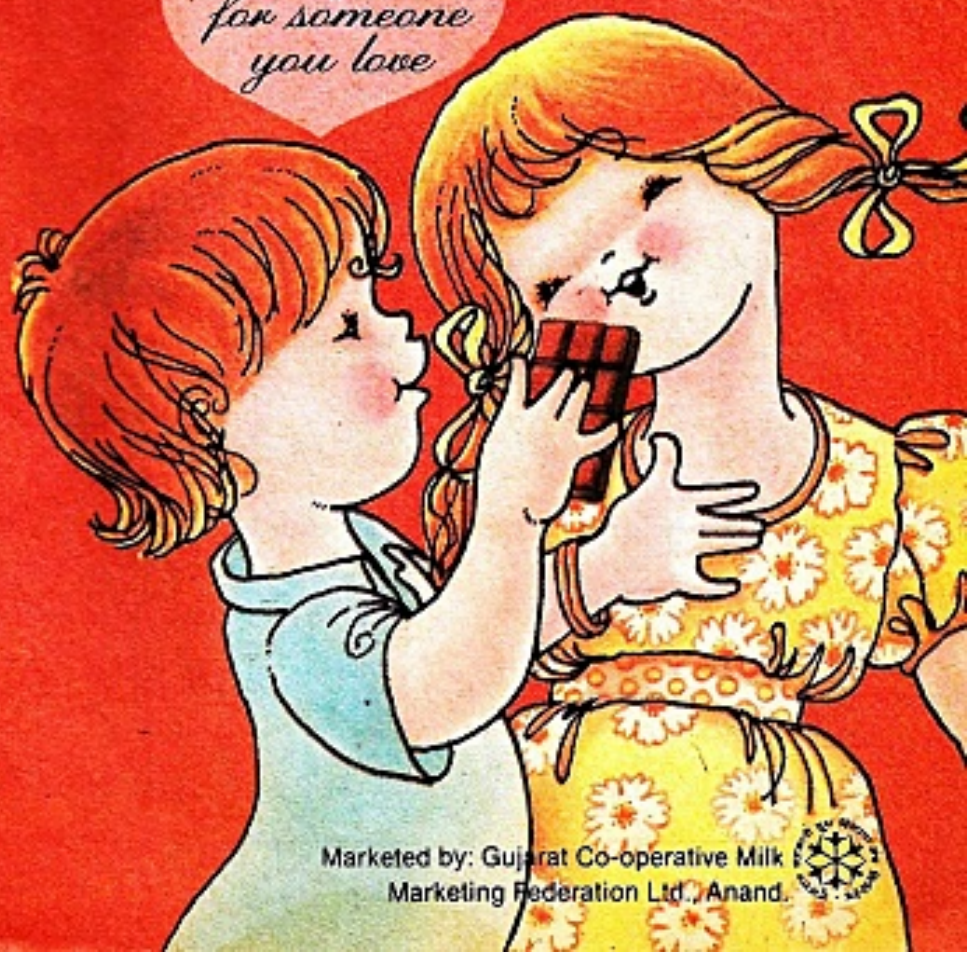
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A Suppandi Tale

Based on a story sent
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Readers' Choice

SUPPANDI'S NEW
MASTER COULD NOT
TRUST HIS SERVANT TO
DO THE SIMPLEST TASK
CORRECTLY—

I SHOULD NEVER
HAVE SENT HIM
TO POST THOSE
LETTERS.

I'M SURE
HE'LL MAKE
SOME BLUNDER.

HERE HE
COMES
NOW,

MASTER, WHAT
A BLUNDER
YOU MADE!

I? I MADE
A BLUNDER!

GOOD HEAVENS!
WHAT HAS HE
DONE NOW?

YOU STUCK THE 50-PAISE
STAMP ON THE FOREIGN
LETTER AND THE 3-RUPEE
STAMP ON THE LOCAL
LETTER!

OH,
NO!

NO NEED TO FEEL
BAD ABOUT IT—WE
ALL MAKE MISTAKES

YES, THAT WAS A
BIG MISTAKE ON
MY PART,
SUPPANDI. AND
IT WAS VERY
SMART OF YOU
TO HAVE
NOTICED IT.

HAVE YOU BROUGHT
BACK THE LETTERS?

OH, NO, MASTER!
YOU'RE ALWAYS
TELLING ME
TO USE MY
COMMON SENSE...

... SO I USED IT.
I INTERCHANGED
THE ADDRESSES
ON THE ENVELOPES.

THE GREEDY CAT

Script :
Shobha Rao
Illustrations :
V.B. Halbe

A CAT ONCE SNEAKED INTO
THE KITCHEN OF AN OLD
WOMAN'S HOUSE

YUMMY ! A POT
FULL OF WARM
MILK !

SLURP!
SLURP!

THE OLD WOMAN, AWAKENED BY THE NOISE,
WALKED INTO THE KITCHEN AND -

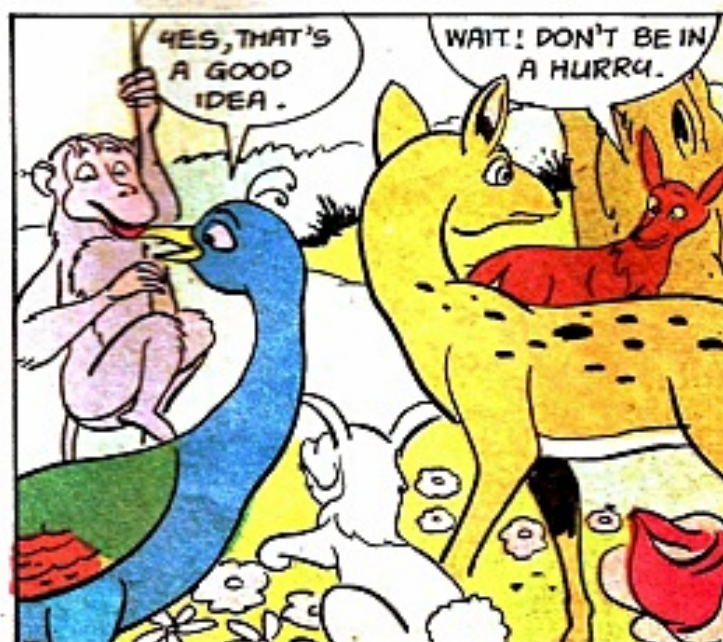
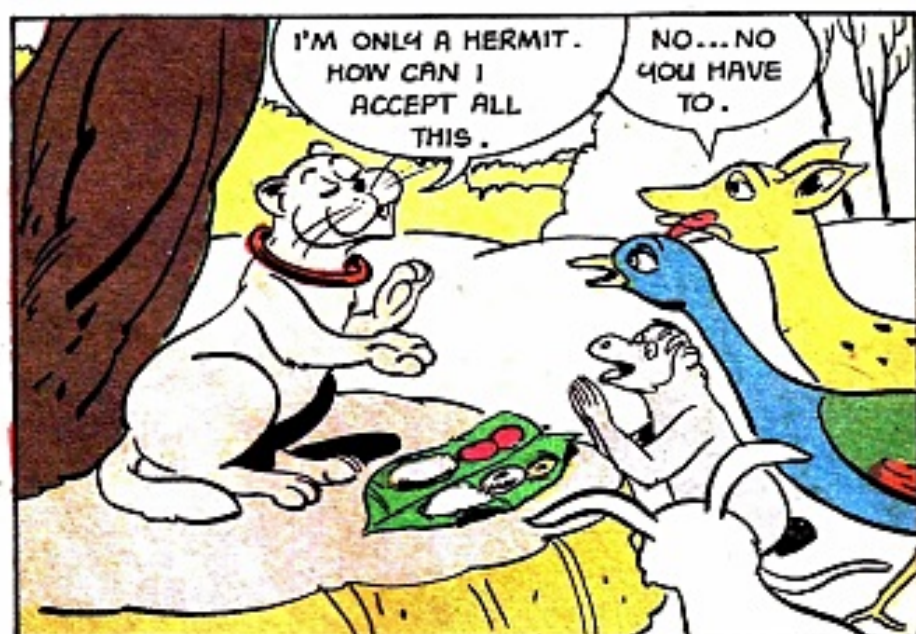
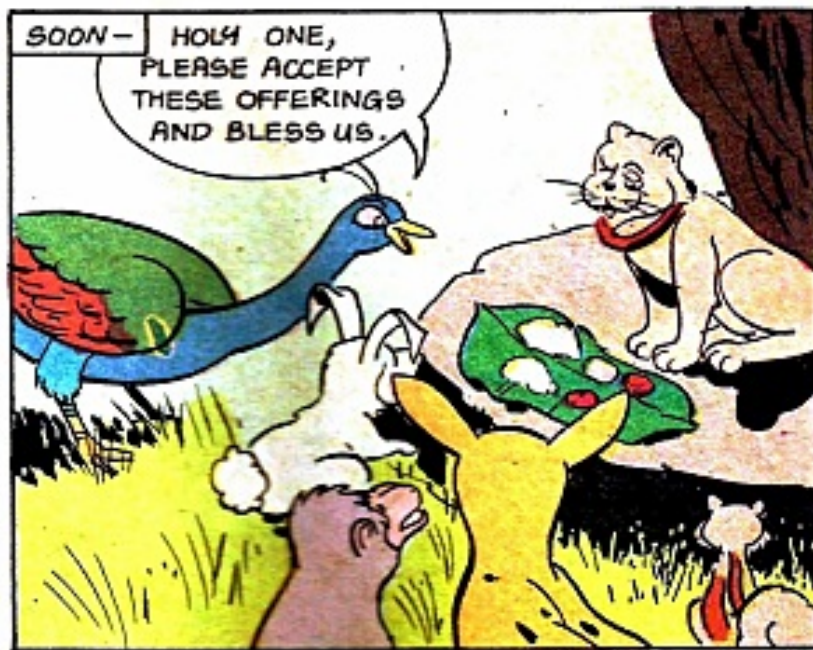
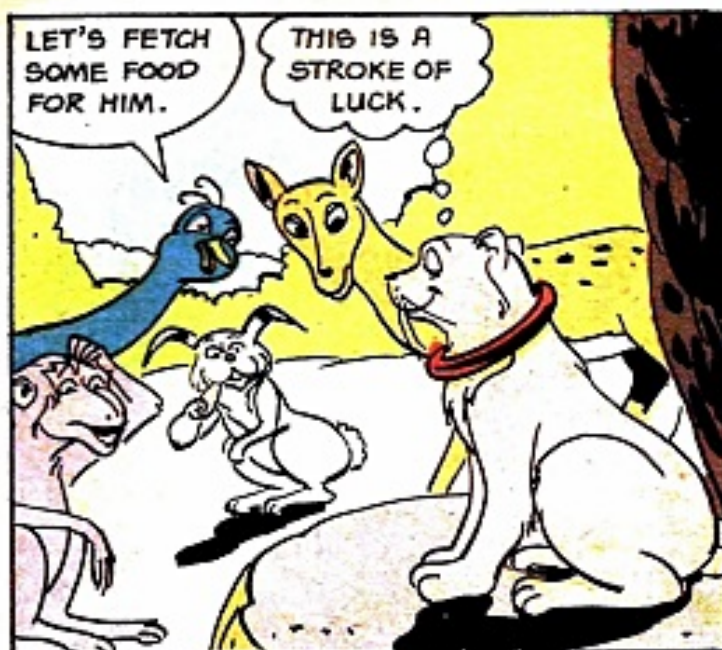
TAKE THAT,
YOU THIEF!

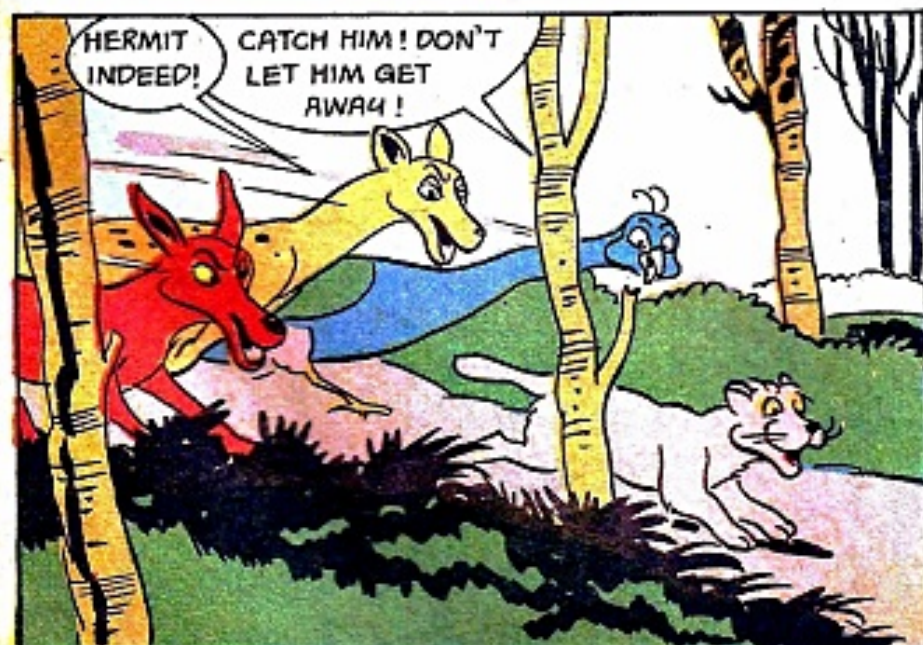
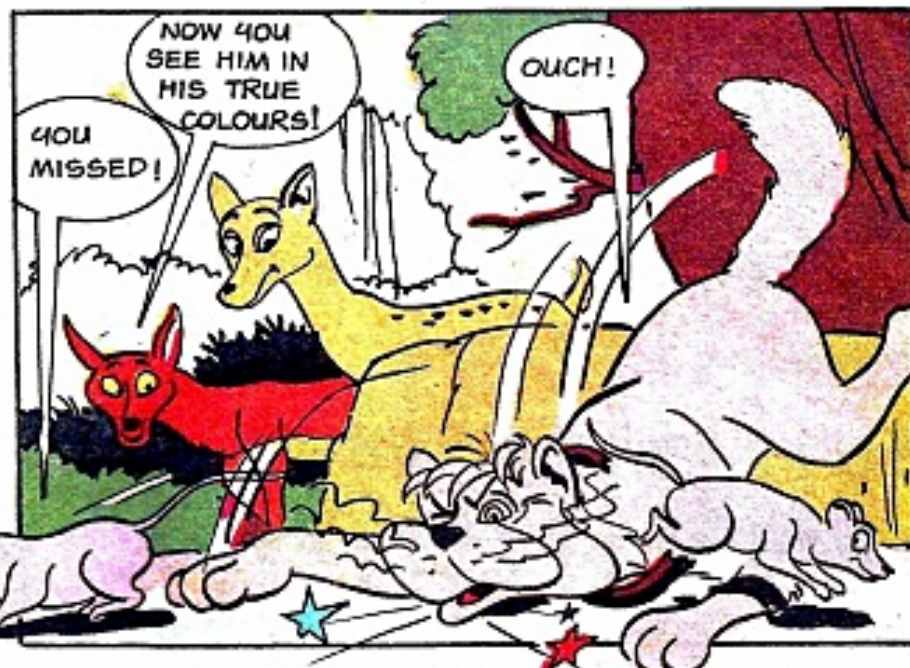
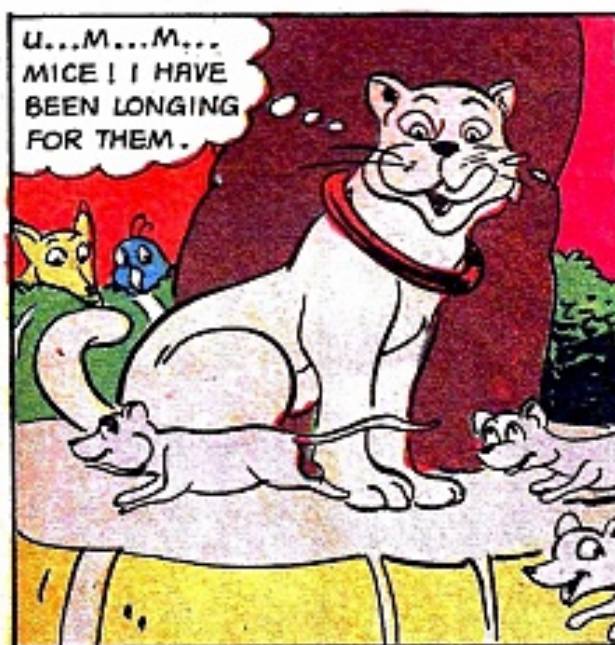
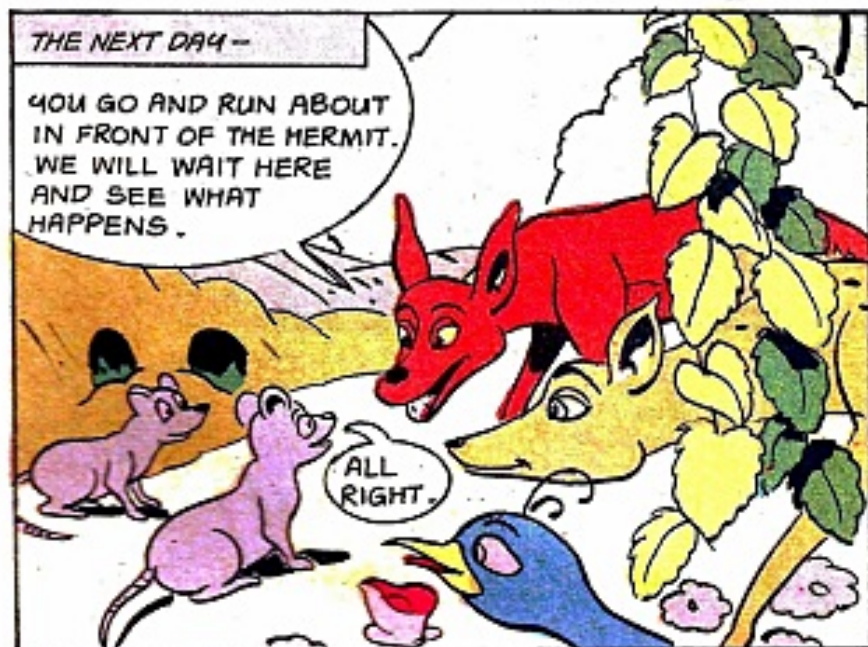
THE CAT RAN AWAY.
A LONG TIME
LATER -

WELL, HERE I AM, DEEP
IN THE FOREST. WHAT
AM I GOING TO DO
FOR MY NEXT
MEAL?

LOOK AT THAT
QUEER ANIMAL.

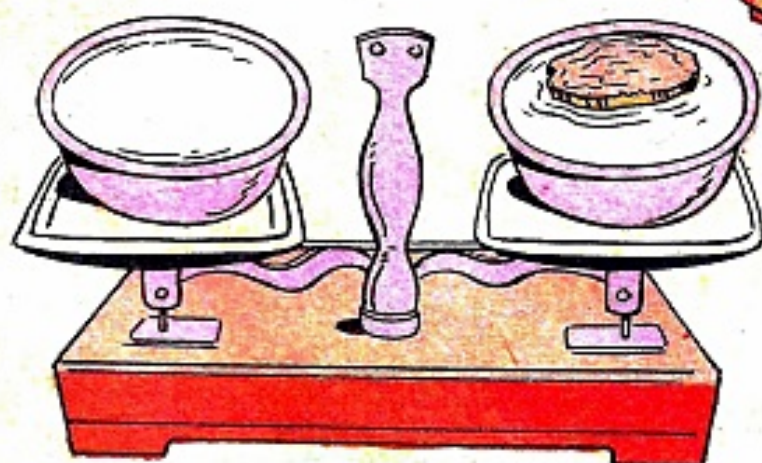
SSSH... DON'T TALK
SO LOUDLY. CAN'T YOU
SEE THE NECKLACE ROUND
HIS NECK. HE MUST
SURELY BE A HERMIT
DOING PENANCE.





TINKLE SCIENCE QUIZ

1. Ashok drops a stone into a bucket containing water at 15°C . Rahul also drops a stone into an identical bucket, but this water is at 15°F . Both boys release the stones simultaneously and from the same height. Which stone will reach the bottom first?



2. Place a bucket of water full to the brim on one pan of a pair of scales. Place an identical bucket full of water on the other pan. This bucket, however, has a piece of wood in it. Which of the two buckets will be heavier?

3. There are 3 eggs with you. Only one of them is boiled but you don't know which one. How will you find out which one it is.

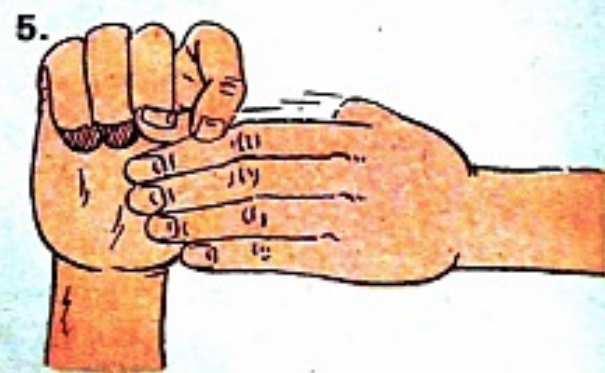
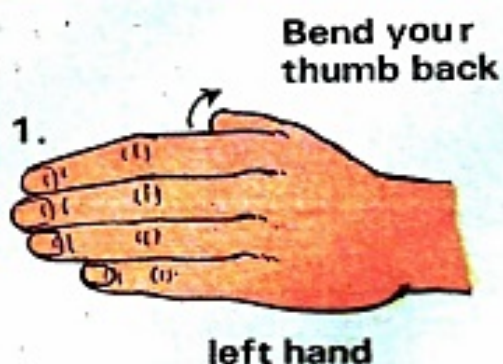


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- 1) Geet Sethi 2) Hockey 3) Mike Tyson
4) Prakash Padukone 5) Kapil Dev

A DOSE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE

A Nasruddin Hodja Tale

Script: Adil Rangoonwala

Illustrations : Ram Waerker

ONCE NASRUDDIN HODJA WAS RETURNING FROM A DISTANT PLACE. ALONG THE WAY HE MET AHMED WHO OFFERED TO HELP HIM AND HODJA GLADLY ACCEPTED HIS OFFER.

AHMED IS NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL. BY TAKING CARE OF HALF OF MY GOODS, HE HAS RELIEVED ME OF HALF MY BURDEN.



BUT— I AM NOT WASTING MY TIME AND ENERGY FOR NOTHING, HODJA. JUST WAIT AND SEE. HEE HEE.



AFTER SOMETIME— AHMED, LET'S HAVE OUR LUNCH AND FEED THE HORSES TOO. THEY MUST BE AS TIRED AS WE ARE.



TIRED? NONSENSE! MY HORSE NEVER TIRES OF WORK.

YOUR HORSE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOUR HORSE? BOTH THE HORSES, AS YOU KNOW WELL, BELONG TO ME.



NOT ANY MORE! THE ONE I HAVE BEEN LEADING IS MINE.

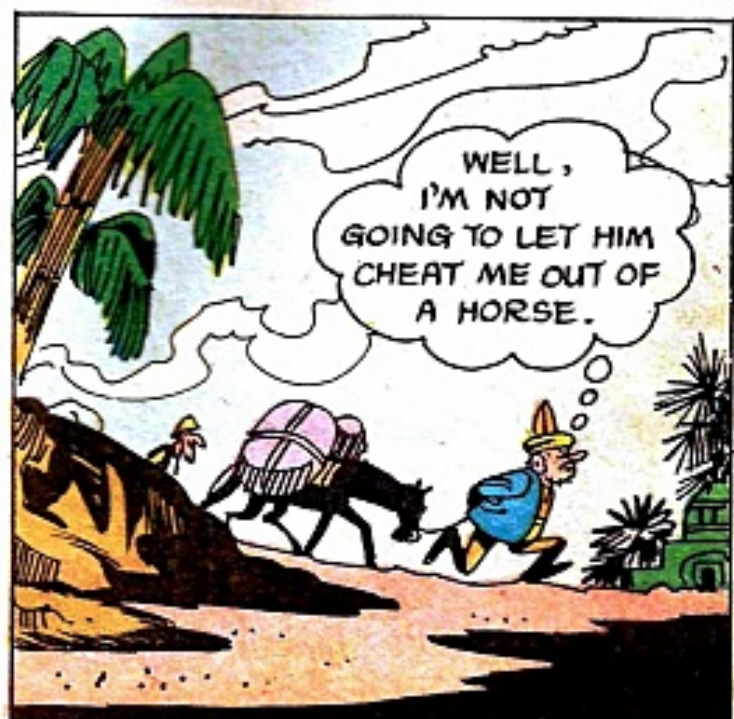
AFTER ALL IT HAS TROD ON MY FOOTSTEPS FOR SO MANY MILES

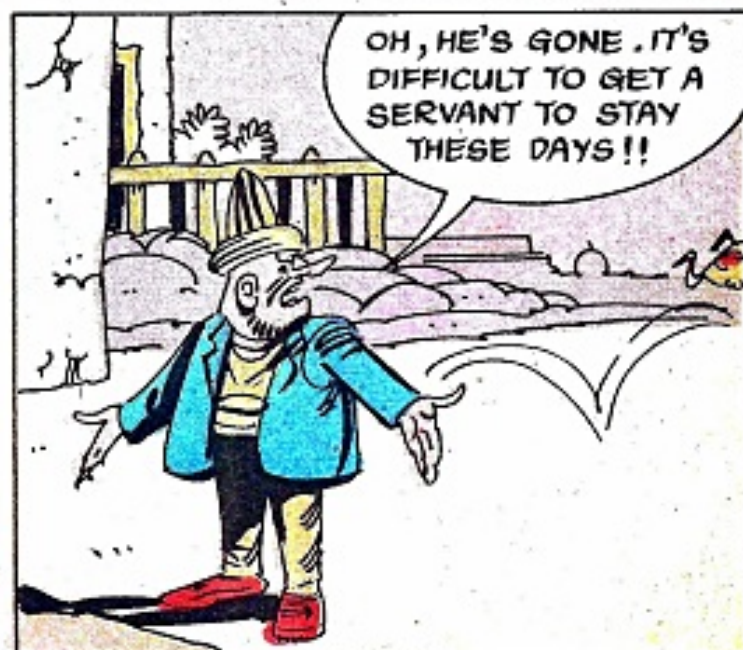
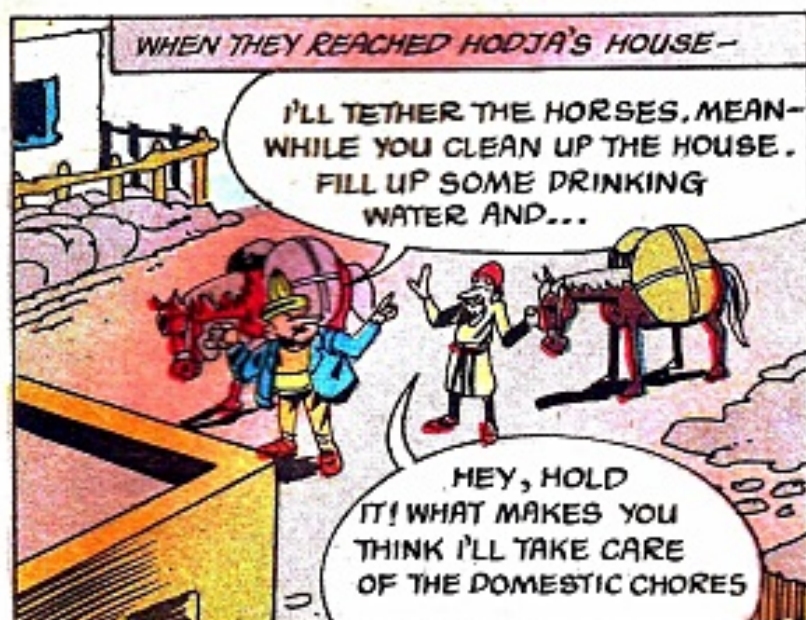
AND YOU KNOW THE OLD SAYING: THE SLAVE TREADS ON HIS MASTER'S FOOTSTEPS.

OH, SO THAT'S WHY HE WAS SO EAGER TO HELP ME ON THIS TRIP.



WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO LET HIM CHEAT ME OUT OF A HORSE.





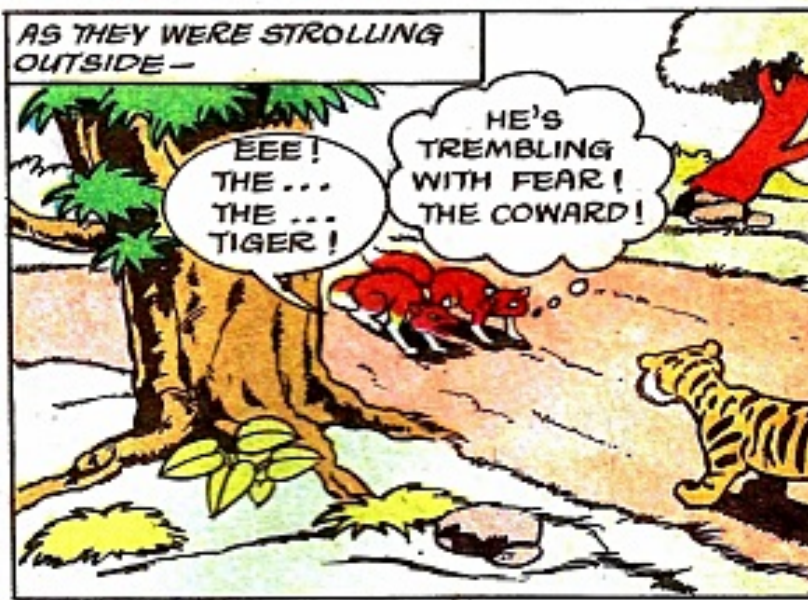
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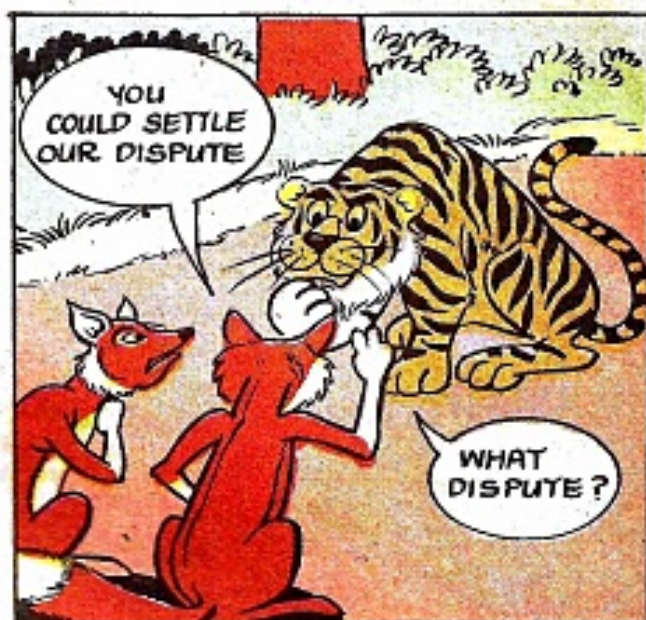
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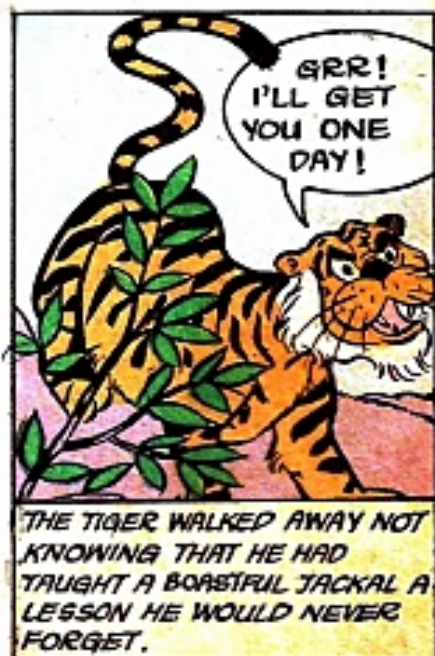
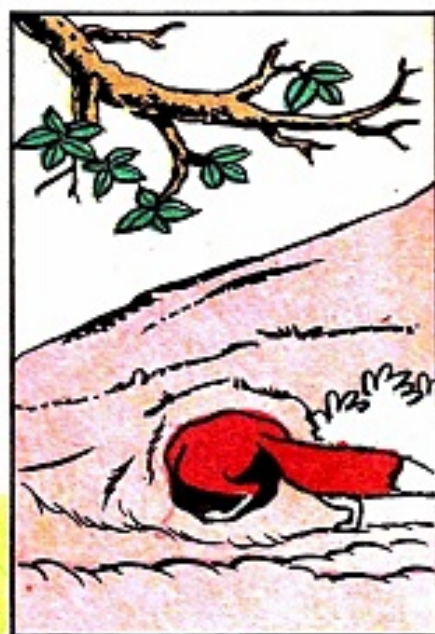
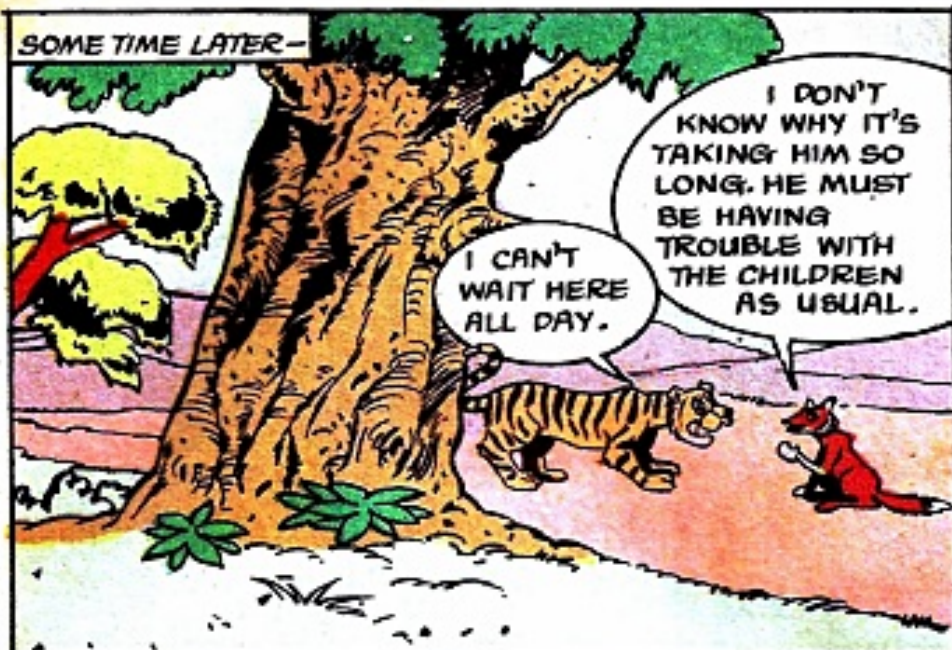
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ONCE UPON A TIME A BOASTFUL JACKAL, HIS WIFE AND THEIR THREE CUBS LIVED IN A SMALL BURROW...

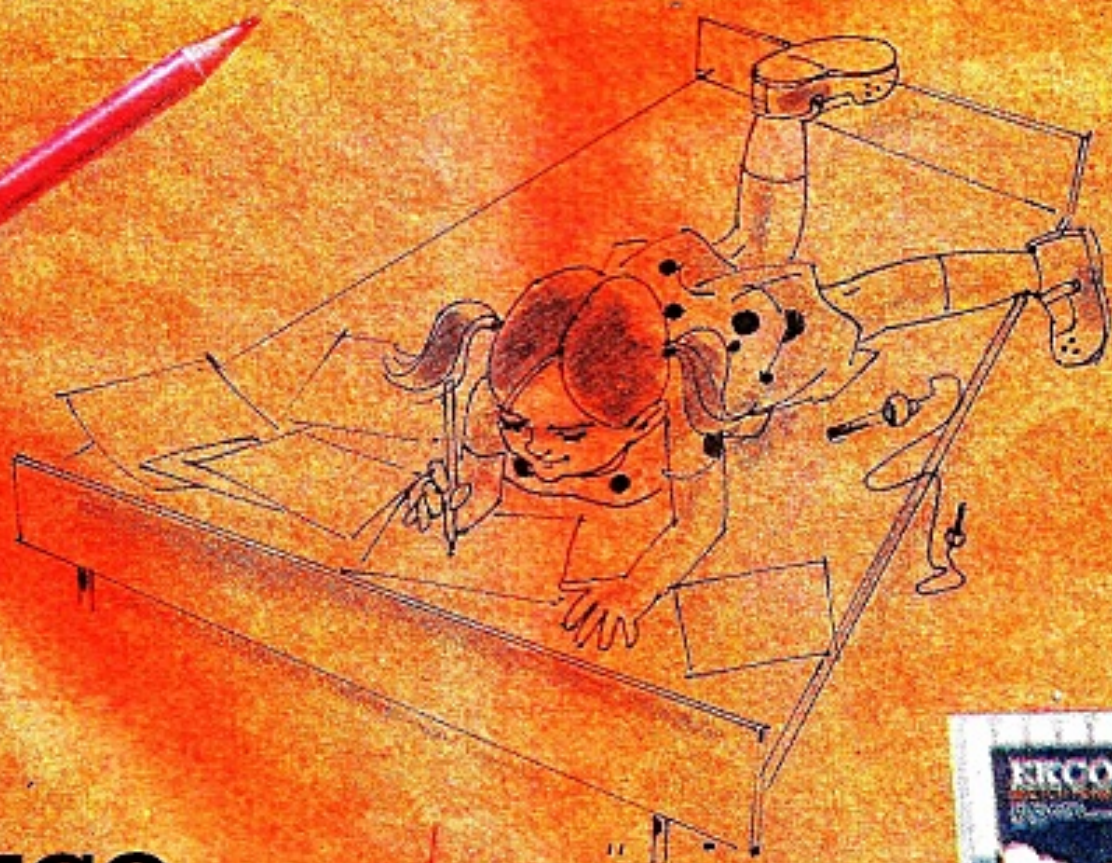




SOME TIME LATER—



At hide 'n' seek, Renu's friends
Always make her play the den
there must be something to be done
All by myself and yet have fun!
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THE WISE FOOLS

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TWO FOOLS WENT TO A TEACHER
OF THE VILLAGE SCHOOL.

MASTERJI, WE
HAVE COME TO YOU
WITH A DISPUTE.

WHAT
IS IT?

WE CAN'T DECIDE
WHO IS THE MORE
INTELLIGENT, HE
OR I.

OH! WHAT A
DISPUTE. HA!
HA! HA!

NOW HOW DO
WE GO ABOUT
IT?

YOU KNOW
BEST.

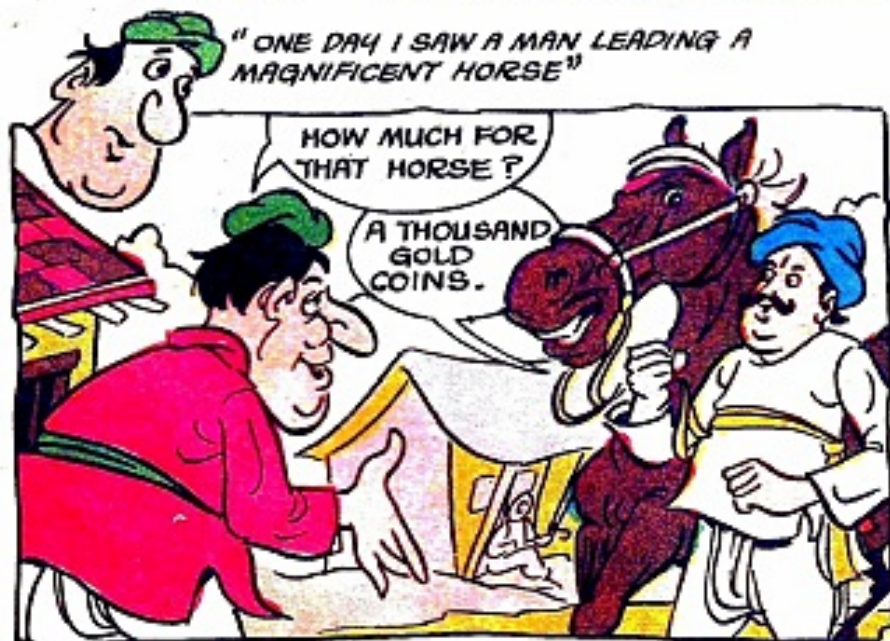
ALL RIGHT. EACH OF YOU TELL
ME HOW YOU SOLVED A MAJOR
PROBLEM IN YOUR LIFE.

YOU
FIRST.

AS YOU
WISH.



"I SNEAKED OUT THROUGH THE BACK DOOR AND WENT STRAIGHT TO AN ASTROLOGER".



"ON THE SIXTH DAY I WENT TO A FRIEND TO BORROW THE MONEY TO PAY THE MAN."

300 GOLD COINS IS ALL I CAN GIVE YOU.

WELL... THANKS ANYWAY

"JUST THEN A BRILLIANT IDEA STRUCK ME"

IF THAT FELLOW COULD SELL ME THE HORSE FOR A THOUSAND GOLD COINS, I COULD EASILY GET TWO HUNDRED GOLD COINS FOR IT.

AND SO I SOLD THE HORSE FOR 200 GOLD COINS AND PAID THE MAN!

OH GOD, COULD THERE BE A BIGGER FOOL?

IF YOU NEED TIME TO PONDER OVER OUR ACHIEVEMENTS, WE ARE WILLING TO WAIT.

IT'S DIFFICULT TO WAIT, BUT WE'LL BE PATIENT.

NOW WHAT DO I TELL THEM? ... AH!

BOTH OF YOU ARE EQUALLY BRILLIANT.

IN THAT CASE WE WON'T WASTE OUR TIME IN THIS VILLAGE.

WE'LL GO TO THE CITY WHERE OUR INTELLIGENCE WILL BE BETTER REWARDED.

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KALIA THE CROW

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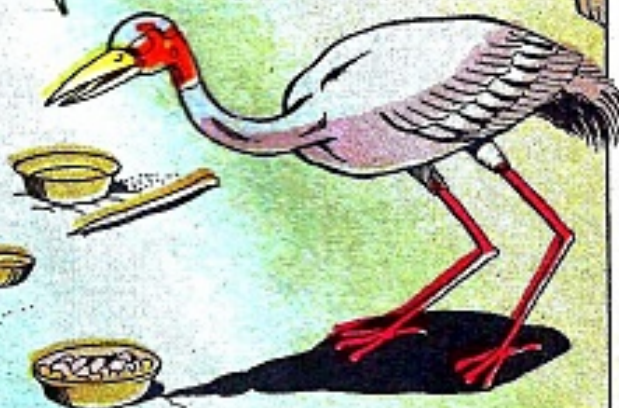
AT DOCTOR CRANE'S-

OOF! I'VE GOT A
TERRIBLE BACKACHE.
I MUST SEE DOCTOR
CRANE AND GET
SOME MEDICINE.



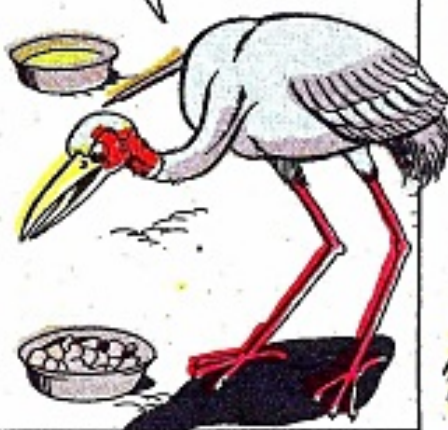
AAH! YOU'RE
RIGHT. I FEEL
MUCH BETTER
ALREADY.

RUB THAT OINTMENT
ON YOUR BACK AND
THE PAIN WILL
DISAPPEAR.



HELLO,
WHAT'S THIS?

A STRANGE HERB. ANYONE
WHO EATS IT CAN RUN AT A
FANTASTIC SPEED.



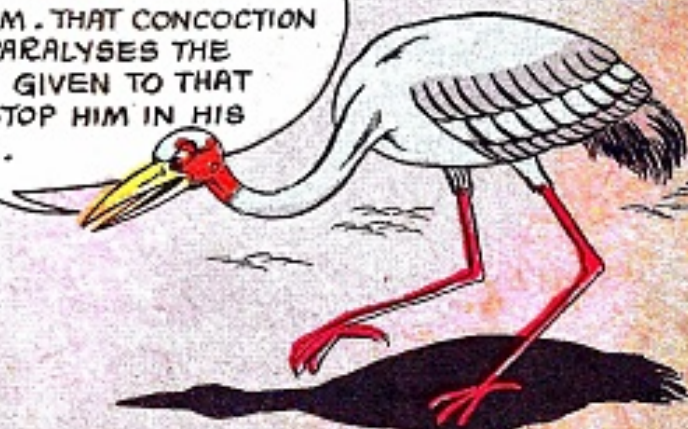
THIS IS JUST
WHAT I NEED.
HEE HEE!

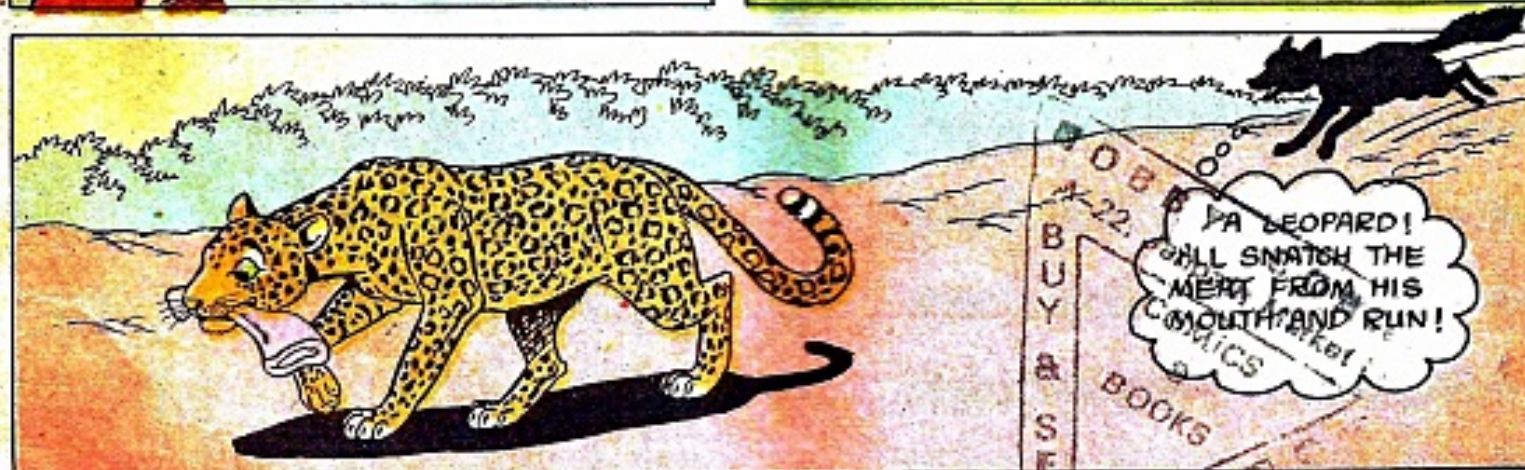
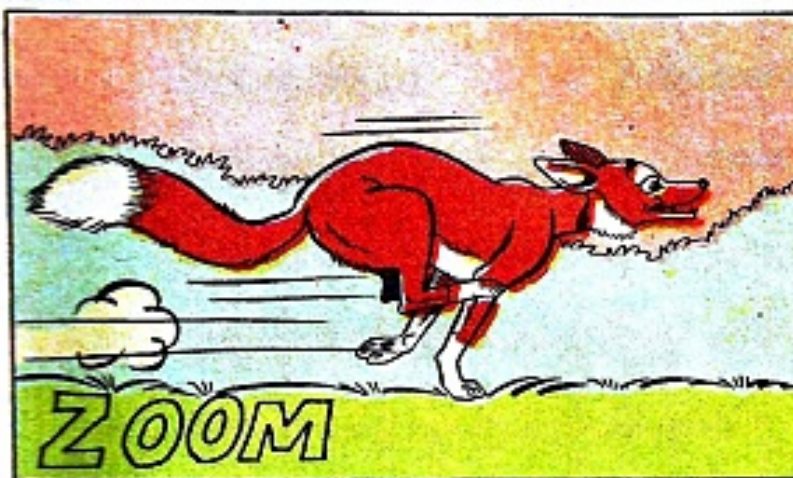
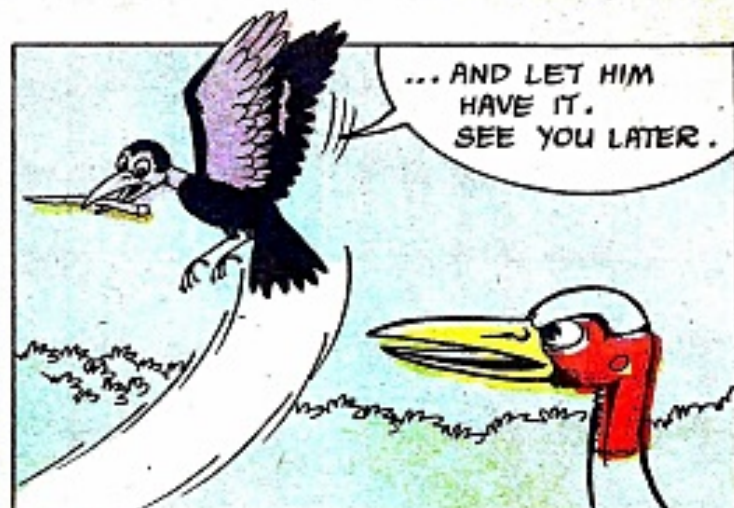
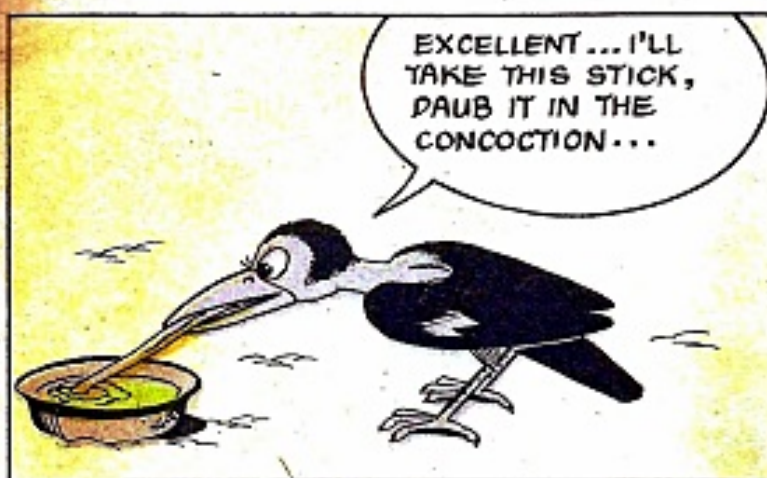
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COME BACK,
YOU ROGUE.
YOU CAN'T TAKE
THAT!

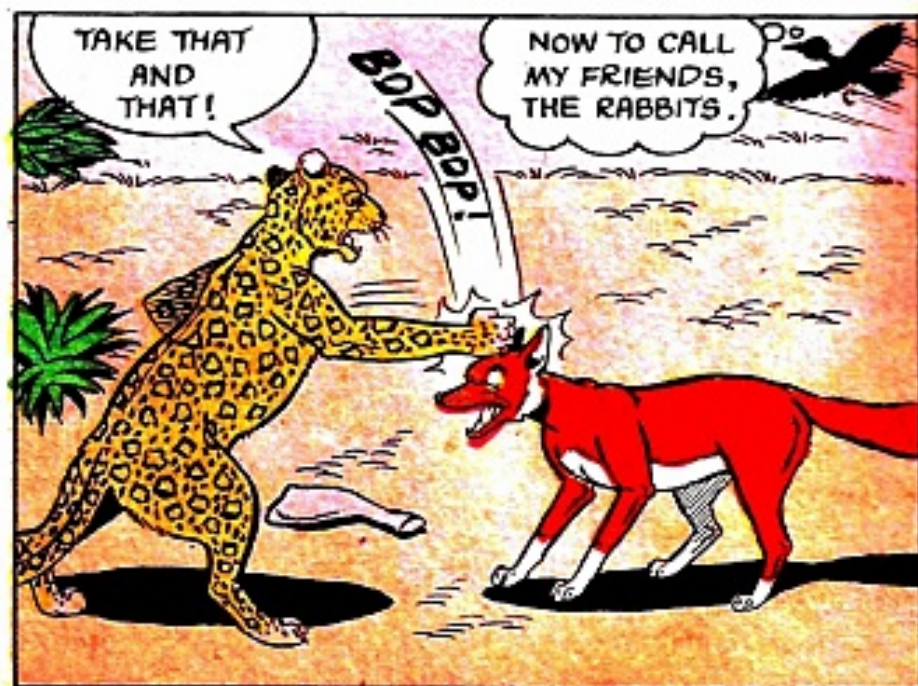
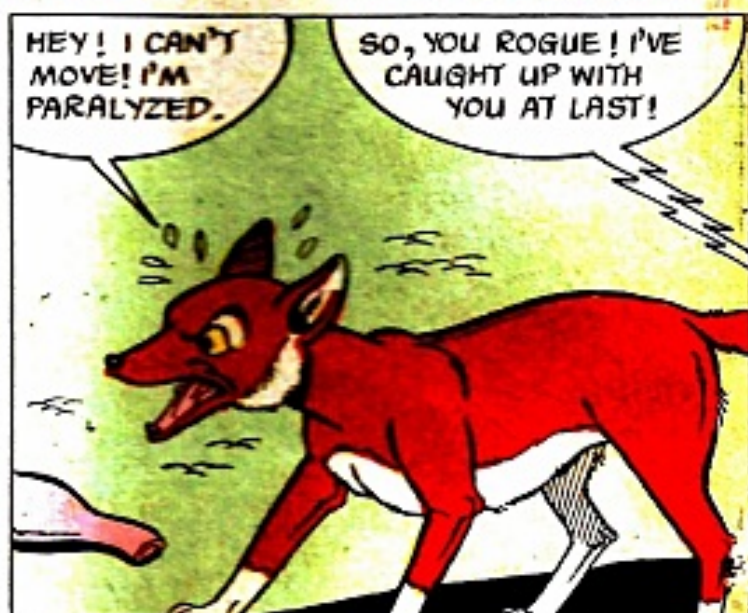


WE MUST STOP HIM!
WHY, HE'LL BE ABLE
TO CATCH ANY
ANIMAL IN THE
FOREST NOW.

Y... YES... THERE'S ONLY ONE THING
THAT CAN STOP HIM. THAT CONCOCTION
OVER THERE. IT PARALYSES THE
BODY. IF IT CAN BE GIVEN TO THAT
JACKAL IT WILL STOP HIM IN HIS
TRACKS.









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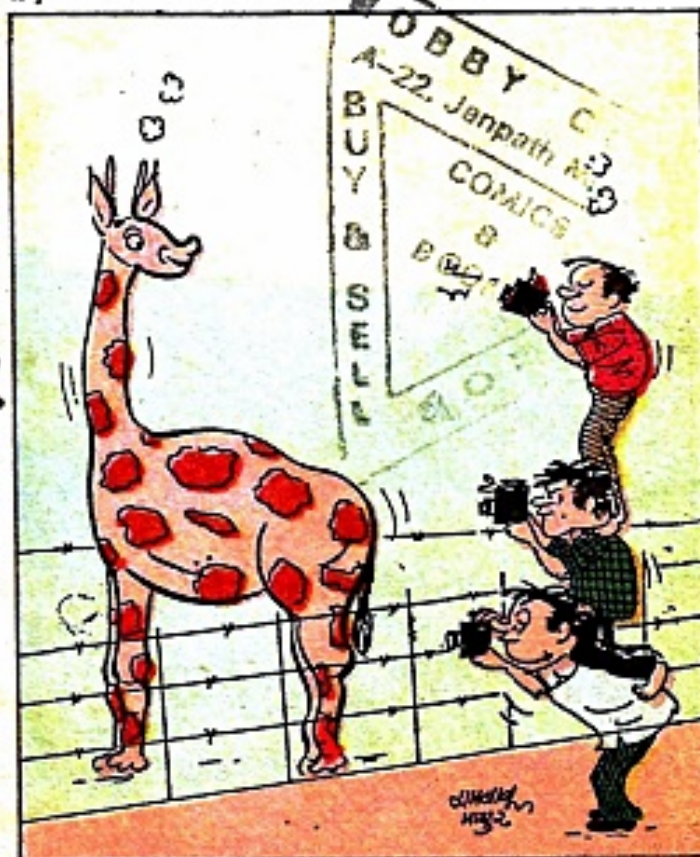
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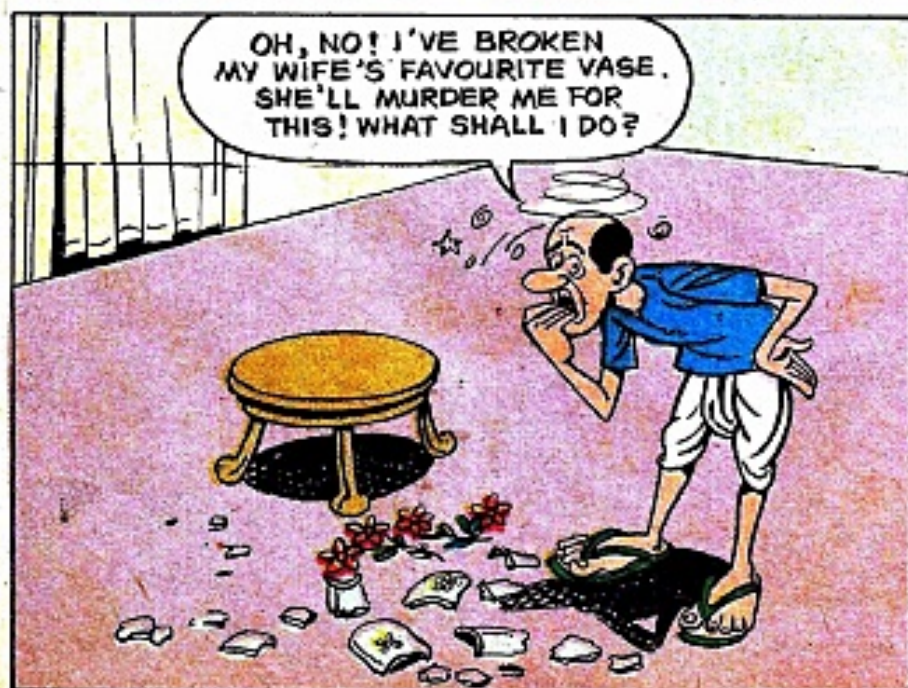
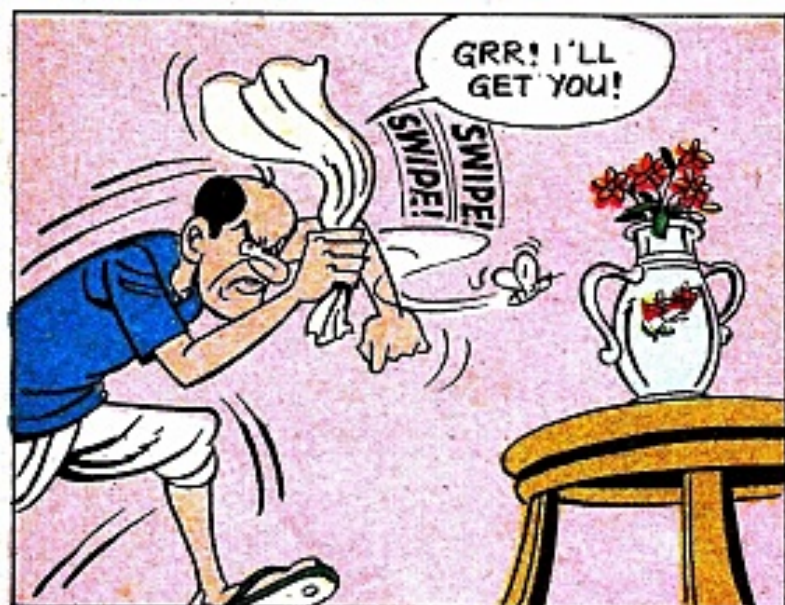


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